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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY KLEPPE

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON  
LARGE DAMS

REF: MEXICO 1567, MEXICO 10051, STATE 12073

1. AGAIN I REGRET VERY MUCH HAVING TO DECLINE THIS INVITATION, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT IS FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT OCCASION. MY SCHEDULED RESPONSIBILITIES, HOWEVER, AT THE TIME OF THE CONGRESS, SIMPLY WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO CHANGE MY CALENDAR FOR THIS TRIP TO MEXICO. I HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AND ASSUAGE SECRETARY ROVIROSA'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

2. IN ADDITION, I LIKE YOUR SUGGESTION THAT I WRITE HIM AND HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FOR DELIVERY TO HIM AT YOUR DISCRETION:

QUOTE: DEAR SECRETARY ROVIROSA:

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ALTHOUGH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE 12TH

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON LARGE DAMS TO BE HELD IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL MEXICO CITY, MARCH 25 TO APRIL 2, I DO SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE WARM INVITATION WHICH YOU EXTENDED TO ME.

OUR COMMON CONCERN, INTEREST, AND GOALS IN SEEKING THE MOST EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES' WATER AND LAND RESOURCES ARE CLOSELY RELATED TO THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, FOR IT IS THE LARGE MAN-MADE DAMS OF THE WORLD WHICH HAVE MADE MUCH TECHNICAL PROGRESS POSSIBLE.

THIS 12TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON LARGE DAMS BRINGS TOGETHER DEDICATED SPECIALISTS WHO HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN IMPROVING THEIR ART AND THEREBY ENHANCING THE WELFARE, SAFETY AND COMFORT OF OTHERS.

AS WE STRIVE TO RESOLVE OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS, MANY OF WHICH ARE RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF COMMON WATER AND LAND RESOURCES, IT MUST BE A SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION TO YOU, AS IT IS TO ME, TO KNOW THAT WE CAN CONFIDENTLY REPLY ON THE JUDGEMENT, IMAGINATION AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE OF OUR ENGINEERS WHO TRANSFORM CONCEPT INTO REALITY.

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY FOR HOSTING THIS GREAT CONGRESS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR A FRUITFUL AND CHALLENGING SESSION.  
SINCERELY YOURS, THOMAS S. KLEPPE, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. UNQUOTE.

3. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING ME AND MRS. KLEPPE TO STAY WITH YOU AT THE RESIDENCE. I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND HOPE WE WILL HAVE AN OCCASION TO MEET ON YOUR NEXT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. SISCO

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